(b) The proposal was not based on techno-economic feasibility study. Hence, it was not considered for assistance under Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). Later, the State Govt. sought assistance under CSS for conducting techno-economic feasibility study from the point of view of inland water transportation in river Gomti in Lucknow City. This proposal of the State Government has been approved.

Establishment of National Maritime Complex

1245. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to establish a National Maritime Complex at Semancheri, near Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that proposed maritime complex would also accommodate the regional office of the Marine Mercantile Department; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) (a) to (d) Government proposes to establish a National Maritime Complex at Chennai. It is, however, premature at this stage to give the details.

National Highways in Chhattisgarh

†1246. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh have forwarded proposals regarding strengthening and widening of National Highways situated in the State, if so, the numbers thereof;

(b) whether Central Government have formulated any plan in this regard.

(c) if so, the road map and time limit thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes,

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